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Kendall, Josh. "Psychological Effects of Abuse." *The Boston Globe* 24 Sept. 2002:   
     C1. *www.snapnetwork.org*. Web. 3 Mar. 2011. <http://www.snapnetwork.org/   
     psych\_effects/how\_abuse\_andneglect.htm>.

**INFORMATION:**

Author’s credentials:

Josh Kendall is a well known journalist and author. He has also received awards for his outstanding reporting on psychiatry.

Scope and purpose of the work:

This article is intended to inform the reader on how child abuse and neglect can damage the brain.

Intended Audience:

Since the article was posted in a newspaper, it was most likely intended for a general audience but would also be really good for people in a field working with children.

**SUMMARY**

Thesis or main idea:

The main ideas of this article are to show the different parts of the brain that abuse alters.

Summary of main arguments:

The article show that brain changes aren’t necessarily permanent, that the levels of hormones can be affected and that abuse can damage key brain structures.

**EVIDENCE**

Summary of evidence:

The article proves the main idea by using medical evidence that other doctors have found. This article shows that with timely interventions, the brain can be rewired and “psychological development put back on track”. Doctors have also been able to prove that abuse damages hey brain structures that are associated with rational thinking and processing memories and emotions. The studies in this article have also shown that the brain can be affected by having lower levels of serotonin, which can lead to depression and impulsive aggression of children who were abused.

**EVALUATION**

Evaluation of research:

The work in this article is very well researched. It contains facts, statistics and research found by many kinds of different doctors.

 Evaluation of scope:

The material in the article has been adequately addressed; it stays on the topic of the subject and provides plenty of information.

Evaluation of author bias:

The author of this article was not biased. It was just a very straight forward article about the damages child abuse can cause the brain.

**REFLECTION:**

The information from this article was very informational and it was easy to understand. This information will be very helpful for my research topic.